

Blueprint to have biannual progress reports

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PUTRAJAYA: A report card on the progress made in implementing the National Education Blueprint (2006-2010) will be released twice a year.

Education Minister Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Tun Hussein said this was to prove to everyone that the blueprint was not just a beautiful plan on paper but one that was "workable."

"It will help us explain to the public what the blueprint is about and give them a better perspective," he said.

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blueprint," said Hishammuddin.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi had on Tuesday launched the blueprint, which lays the foundation for education development over a five-year period.

Hishammuddin said the blueprint was a holistic and realistic plan aimed at raising Malaysian education to a higher level and reminded the audience that any delay in implementation would have adverse consequences.

"It will affect national policies and the nation's future direction, including Malaysia's aim to join the ranks of developed nations by 2020," he said yesterday.

Hishammuddin announced that each aspect of the blueprint, especially the six thrusts, would be emphasised over different months.

"For each thrust, I hope that every department and division in the ministry will work together and look at the larger picture instead of just concentrating on their part."